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The last dying Speech and Confession of John Sturabout, alias Ambrose Strange, and James Brown, who were executed on Saturday the 11th of March 1737-8, at Reading Gallows.



Ambrose Strange, who was executed for the Robbery and Murder of Farmer Blagrove, was born at Burford in Oxfordshire. He was in the Twenty Third Year of his Age, bred to the Employments of Husbandry, and therefore had not the Advantage of much Learning, but discovered a competent Measure of Sense and good natural Parts, with a Temper attentive to, and receptive of Instruction.

He had lived a Servant honestly and commendably at several Places in this Country, afterwards he went to London and work'd at Mr. Huck's Brew-house; during which Time he fell into bad Company, and became addicted to an irreligious vicious Course of Life, particularly the Neglect of God's Publick Worship, and Profanation of the Sabbath, which with much Sorrow he often reflected on during his Imprisonment, as the fatal Cause of his Misfortunes.

When he came from London to Reading, it was with Intention of returning to his Friends, but being ashamed to go home in so poor and mean a Condition, he tarried here, till having spent his Money, and ran in Debt at his Quarters, he was tempted to supply his Necessities by the Commission of a Robbery.

For which Purpose he went out on the Saturday Evening, not with any particular Design to rob Mr. Blagrove, rather than another. And as to his Murder, he often solemnly protested, it was quite besides his Intention, nor did he know the Farmer's Life was at all endanger'd, till he was surprized with the News of his Death. This he affirm'd was the first Robbery he ever committed, and that though he had sufficient Time to get off undiscovered, the Guilt and Horror of his Conscience threw him into such Astonishment, that he could not provide for his own Safety.

There is indeed just Reason to doubt the Sincerity of any Man's Repentance delay'd till the Approaches of Death, and more especially of one under Confusion, and in terrible Expectation of the fatal Stroke of Justice; yet Christian Charity leads us to think favourably of this poor unfortunate Creature: Because, during the whole Time of his Imprisonment, he was earnestly desirous of, and very thankful for the Assistances of Religion; far from endeavouring to extenuate his Faults, he express'd great Self-Reflection, lamented his evil Ways, and acknowledg'd God's righteous Providence in bringing him to Justice; frequently declaring that he knew himself unworthy to live, and did not therefore desire it; that his Punishment was necessary as an Example to others; that the Death of the Body gave him no manner of Concern, but his only Solicitude and Care was about the Salvation of his immortal Soul. And not only did he lament his particular Crime, but his Part, Irreligion and Sensuality, which prepared him for Ruin, and gradually led him on to the Wickedness, which brought him to an untimely and ignominious Death. Wishing other Sinners to stand rebuked and admonished by his Example, and to reflect in due Time, that if they forsake God, it is but just in him to forsake them, and leave them to reap the Fruit of their Iniquity.

His Companion in Suffering was James Brown of Kingslear in Hampshire, bred also to Husbandry, and about Twenty Five Years of Age. The Crime for which he suffered was for returning from Transportation. Concerning which he gave this Account; That, after his Return, he went where he thought no Body would know him, and got into a Service at High Wickham in the County of Bucks, where he lived honestly, and his Master liked him well, till a certain Scotchman coming that Way, and happening to know him, in hopes of a Reward, caused him to be apprehended and committed to Aylesbury Gaol. At the Summer Assizes he was acquitted there, but being thus harass'd, thrown out of his Place, and

none caring to employ him, he was reduced to the Necessity of Begging or Stealing; and doing the latter, was committed to Prison, and the Transportation Business revived against him. Concerning this barbarous Treatment, he often spoke with some Emotion, looking upon it as the Cause of his Destruction.

He much lamented the Affliction he had brought on his aged Father, the Shame and Misery on his Wife and Child; expressed also a Sense of his Sins, and earnestly desired the Benefit of Spiritual Advice and Prayer.

Canterbury, March 15. We hear that on Saturday last the Assizes ended at Rochester, when the five following Malefactors received Sentence of Death, viz.

John Smith, for murdering one of his Fellow Prisoners; George Tracey, and Elizabeth Martin, for House-breaking; Thomas Browning, for stealing a Hack Mare, who had serv'd several Gentlemen as Coachman in this County; and Thomas Batchelder alias Candlemas, for stealing a Sorrel Mare.

To be Whipp'd, 6. viz. John Ayres for stealing Handkerchiefs, &c. William Manchup for breaking into a House with Intent to steal; William Cook for stealing two Perukes; John Hammond for stealing several Hens and one Cock; William Standley for stealing two Gallons of Meal; and Elizabeth Swan for stealing an Apron, &c.

Burnt in the Hand. 1. viz. William Davis for stealing one Plough-share, and other Iron.

To be Transported 9. viz. Mary Standifield and Mary Hoskins, for assaulting Rebecca Smith, and stealing from her one Shift; John Morton, and James Baker, for being armed, and assisting in running Goods near the Sea Coast; John Clarke, for breaking and entering a Dwelling House, and taking Perukes and Human Hair; William Sawyer for House-breaking; John Burges for stealing several Bags of Pepper out of a Lighter; Edward Mills for stealing Stockings, &c. William Hills for House-breaking; and John Hollaway for stealing a Bridle and Saddle.

Last Night arriv'd a Mail from Holland.

LETTERS of the 1st Instant O. S. from Vienna say, that the Commissioners of Inquiry into the Conduct of the Count de Sckend rf, have declared in their Report to the Emperor, that he is innocent of the Matters laid to his Charge, and that he may be set at Liberty; but his said that the General insists upon a final Decision of the Affair in Form.

Those of the 21st ult. O. S. from Petersburg say, an Express has brought News that the Count de Munich is assembling the Russian Army in the Ukraine, and that the Garison of Oczakow has taken and demolished several Forts on the Road to Bender.

The Letters from Vienna, mention the Death of the Count de Atalaya, Colonel and Aid de Camp to the Emperor; and those from Paris say, that the Count Sapieha, a Senator of Poland, Palatine of Padlachia, Lieutenant General of King Augustus's Cavalry, and Knight of the Order of the White Eagle, who came lately to France for Recovery of his Health, died at Chelons sur Marne, in the 68th Year of his Age, after an Illness of 7 Months. He married the Niece of the late Queen of Poland, Wife to King John Sobieski, and his Body is to be carried to that Kingdom, to be interred with his Ancestors.

Several Foreigners having been lately in Courland lifting Men for foreign Service, and one of them having carry'd off a rich Peasant, and dangerously wounded his Wife for opposing them, the Duke has given Liberty to his Subjects to hang up all such Recruiting Officers that they can discover, and promised a Reward of 100 Ducats per Man for apprehending them.

The Societies of Free Masons have been prohibited at Stockholm and Hamburg.

HOME PORTS.

Pool, March 15. Since my last sailed from hence the Hanover, Linthorn; the Benjamin, Taverner; the Agnes and Mary, Pottle; the Thomas and

Richard, Woolsey; the Adventure, Farwell, all on this Port for Newfoundland; and the Jollid Sloop, Shank, for Rotterdam.

Southampton, March 15. Since my last sailed the Martlet of this Place, Martin, for Kinsale; the Blessing of Hamble, Lasley, for Cadiz.

Deal, March 16. Wind N. N. E. Remains the Everton, Bruce, for Bremen. Came down and sailed through, the Providence, Foot; the Mary, Dewet, for Cadiz; the Ann and Betty, Rice, for Falmouth.

Gravesend, March 16. Passed by here the Ann and Mary, Holland; the Prosperous, Rowning; and the Providence, Nelson, from Norway; the Lady Cathern, Carlsen, from Hamburg.

L O N D O N.

There are about 28 Persons to be try'd at the Castle of York this present Assizes, for different Crimes; of which Robert Stevenson, Joseph Brook, and Mary Ward, on Suspicion of Horse-stealing; Timothy Poplewell, John Baron, John Elleyson, John Keley, John Grindale, Thomas Allan, and Jane Cook, on Suspicion of Sheep-stealing.

Thomas Ellis alias Marthe v Po'ms, charg'd with stealing three fat Oxen, found Means last Saturday in the Evening, to get most of his Irons cut off, and got himself disguised in Women's Apparel, in order to make his Escape; but by the Vigilance of Mr. Woodhouse, the Governor, he was taken, and is now securely chain'd down.

Yesterday was held a Board of Admiralty, when their Lordships were pleas'd to appoint the following Gentlemen to be Lieutenants of the Guard Ships, viz.

Edmond Strange and Joseph Soans, to be Lieutenants of the Somerset, a 3d Rate of 80 Guns, Capt. Leftock Commander.

Also to appoint Saunders Longden and George Cockburne, to be Lieutenants of the Edinburgh, a 70 Gun Ship, Capt. Davis Commander.

Likewise to appoint George Carnegie, to be Lieutenant of the Dragon, a 60 Gun Ship, Capt. Barnett Commander.

And to appoint Patrick O'tara and John Lloyd, to be Lieutenants of the Lancaster, a 3d Rate of 80 Guns, Capt. Coleman Commander.

Likewise to appoint John Lloyd and Francis Murray, to be Lieutenants of the Barwick, a 3d Rate of 70 Guns, Capt. Solegerd Commander.

Likewise to appoint John Wickam and Lord Forrester, to be Lieutenants of the Ipswich, a 3d Rate of 70 Guns, Capt. Hook Commander.

Also to appoint George Goslin, to be Lieutenant of the Plymouth, a 3d Rate of 60 Guns, Capt. Townshend Commander.

And to appoint Thomas Pellate, to be Lieutenant of the Canterbury, a 3d Rate of 60 Guns, Capt. Trever Commander.

And the above said Lieutenants were sworn in accordingly and received their Commissions.

And their Lordships were pleas'd to order, that the fore-mentioned Ships should be further Mann'd to the middle Complement.

Yesterday being St. Patrick's Day, the Tutelar Saint of Ireland, the same was observ'd at Court as a Collar Day, and his Majesty and the rest of the Royal Family wore Crosses in Honour of the Day.

The same Day the Right Hon. the Lord Mark Ker, Lieutenant General of his Majesty's Forces, set out for the County of York to Review his Regiment of Horse.

Next Monday his Excellency Don Antonio Azavedo, Envoy Extraordinary from Portugal, will give a grand Entertainment at his House in Golden Square, to several of the principal Nobility, foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Distinction, on Account of its being the Birth-day of Mary Anne Victoria of Spain, Princess of Brazil.

The same Day his Excellency Baron Solenthal, Resident from the Court of Denmark, will give a grand Entertainment at his House in St. James's Place, on Account of its being the Birth-day of Frederick, Prince Royal of Denmark.

Yesterday died at his Lodgings in Scotland Yard, Whitehall, Henry Bestland, Esq; an eminent Counsellor at Law.

On Thursday last Ann Giffith otherwise Parrott, was committed to Newgate by Colonel De Veil, for feloniously stealing about Ten Pounds worth of Gold Rings and Wearing Apparel from Mr. Daniel Fletcher, a Carter, in Tottenham Court Road, all found upon her and in her Lodgings.

And Yesterday Henrietta Maria Giles, otherwise Ann Rook, was also committed to Newgate by the same Gentleman, for feloniously stealing out of the Dwelling House of Mrs. Jane Turner, Linnen Draper, near Newgate-street, to whom she was a Servant, a rich Lut-string Brocaded Suit of Cloaths, of the Value of about Twenty Pounds, which a certain noted Pawnbroker received, tho' she appeared in a very mean Dress, and is a poor Creature, and told the Pawnbroker they were her own Wearing Apparel.

Westminster, March 9. 1737-8.

THE ASSIZE OF BREAD, As set by the Worshipful ALEXIUS CLAYTON, Esq; Deputy-Steward.

lb. oz. dr.	lb. oz. dr.
10. 08 07 White	6d. 00 05 02 Wheaten
0 12 10 Wheaten	Loaf 00 04 00 Household
Loaf new	12d. 00 11 00 Wheaten
to weigh	Loaf 00 08 01 Household
1 00 14 White	
2 penny	18d. 01 10 00 Wheaten
Loaf	Loaf 01 04 03 Household
0 01 11 Household	

It is also Ordered, that the Bakers within this City and Liberty do not for the future make any Half-quarter Loaves.

And whereas it is enacted, That all Bakers shall and may, after Sept. 1. 1735, make, bake, sell, and expose to Sale, Peck, Half-Peck, or Quarter Loaves, so as the same are made and sold, both as to Weight and Price, in Proportion to the Assize-Table, according to which they are ascertain'd as follows:

WHEATEN-BREAD.

lb. oz. dr.	lb. oz. dr.
Peck Loaf 17 06 02	Quarter Loaf 04 05 08
Half Peck 08 11 01	

By the Court,

HART.

N.B. The Price of the Half Peck fine Wheaten, according to the present Assize, is Eleven Pence and so in Proportion.

High Water this Day	Morning	Evening
at London Bridge.	08 03	08 36

Bank Stock 141 3-4ths. India 174 3-4ths. South Sea 100 1-4th. Old Annuity 111 1-half Books shut. New ditto 109 3-8ths. Three per Cent. 105 3-4ths to 106. 7 per Cent. Loan 109 3-4ths. 5 per Cent. ditto 99 1-half. Royal Assurance 109 1-half. London Assurance 14 7-8ths to 15. African 14. India Bonds 6 l. 16 s. to 17 s. Prem. South Sea ditto, 3 l. Prem. Bank Circulation 2 l. Premium. Salt Tallow 1 to 3 Premium. English Copper 3 l. Welsh ditto 15. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders 6 1-4th per Cent. Premium. Three per Cent. ditto 3 per Cent. Prem. Million Bank 123.

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